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- 25X1 1. The official statement on behalf of the East German government in reply to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer's speech of 15 January is to be made by Minister President Otto Grotewohl, and not, as previously reported, by Foreign Minister Georg Dertinger.
2. The proposed text of the statement, which was designed to be conciliatory in tone, was suddenly discarded on 23 January on orders from Karlshorst, and its delivery, scheduled for 24 January, was postponed. Meanwhile, the out-of-town delegates to the Volkskammer arrived in Berlin on 23 January, and they are still waiting to be called into session. One reason for the delay is said to be the desire to await another speech which Adenauer is expected to make, clarifying his statement regarding the Grotewohl proposals.
3. The government statement has been rewritten, and in its new form will be a vigorous attack on Adenauer and on Jacob Kaiser, the West German Minister for All-German Affairs, in effect shutting the door to further negotiations between the East and West German governments. The Bonn government will be declared illegal, and persons in West Germany who are friendly to the "German Democratic Republic" will be invited to Berlin to participate in the organization of the constituent council proposed at Prague.* After Grotewohl has stated the cabinet's position, speeches will be made by representatives of each party in the Chamber in support of the declaration; Dertinger, for instance, will read a ten-page speech as spokesman for the CDU.
4. For the last two weeks Dertinger has been on duty at the Foreign Ministry continuously, even sleeping on the premises. He has been in constant contact with Karlshorst on matters relating to the Grotewohl-Adenauer exchange, and has had a conference with Ambassador V. S. Semenov as recently as the evening of 25 January.
5. Dertinger said privately, "We can now make progress only by force; we are now entering the decisive phase of the struggle for German unity." This may be representative of the attitude of the group in control of the CDU, illustrated also by a resolution on the Adenauer speech replying to Grotewohl's letter which was introduced by General Secretary Gerald Götting at a session of 150 leading functionaries of the CDU(East) on 25 January. However, it is reported that not more than 20 of those present showed unqualified approval of the resolution. On the contrary,

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there was a strong under-current of criticism of the CDU's policy of yielding to the SED, together with complaints about rural collectivization and general hard times; there were even many bold and open arguments from the floor. The unrest was soothed with the greatest difficulty, especially when Götting announced the latest motto for the CDU: "Eternal friendship with the Soviet Union and unbreakable friendship with the great brother party (Bruderpartei), the SED".

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Comment: These persons would be substituted for official representatives of the Bonn government, which would be ignored. It is not clear whether this declaration is to be included in Grotewohl's statement, or is to be made separately at a later date.

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